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| Serial No.: 10/687,327                 | ) |                            |
|  | ) | Deposit Acct. No.: 04-1403 |
| Filed: October 16, 2003                | ) |                            |
|  | ) | Customer No.: 22827        |
| Title: Method and Device for Detecting | ) |                            |
| Ammonia Odors and Helicobacter         | ) | Confirm. No.: 8506         |
| Pylori Urease Infection                | ) |                            |

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**RESPONSE**

Applicants received a Notice of Incomplete Reply dated July 19, 2004 (a copy of which is attached herewith as TAB A). The Notice states that no signed declaration was received. However, for at least the reasons set forth below, Applicants respectfully submit that a signed declaration was in fact properly submitted.

- (1) The present application was filed on October 16, 2003.
- (2) A "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application" was mailed to Applicants on January 23, 2004 (a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts is attached herewith as TAB B).
- (3) In response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts", Applicants submitted a Filing Completion to the Patent Office on February 20, 2004. The Filing Completion included the following documents (copies attached as TAB C): (1) Rule 53 signed Declaration; (2) Assignment and related Recordation Cover Sheet; and (3) Return Copy

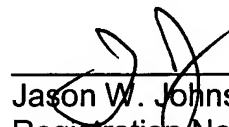
of the PTO Notice to File Missing Parts. A return receipt postcard was also included with this filing. However, upon information and belief, Applicants have not received the stamped postcard from the Patent Office.

Accordingly, for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that the "signed declaration" was properly submitted to the Patent Office. In any event, as stated above, the Rule 53 signed declaration is enclosed herewith as TAB C. It is believed that all requirements of the "Notice to File Missing Parts" have therefore been fully satisfied.

To the extent necessary, Applicants expressly petition herewith for an extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) from the original due date of the filing completion on March 23, 2004. Please charge any fees required by such an extension of time or by this submission to Deposit Account No. 04-1403.

Respectfully submitted,

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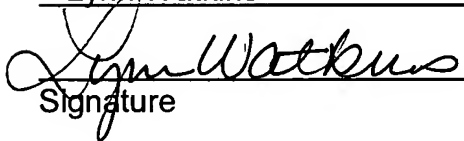
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